

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA
MEETINGS MINUTES**

Members Present: Maggie Zheng, David Ojeda, Jazmin Nuñez, Leshawn Bowen, Ki Huang, Madeline Zheng, Arnoldo Martinez, Aaditee Kudrimoti, Brennen Feder, Abigail Martinez, Angel Alcorcha, Glenn Ward, Patrick Derrig.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Ed Nossem, Kendra Davey.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – David Ojeda (Ki Huang called the meeting to order and conducted the meeting until David Ojeda’s arrival).
Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – David Ojeda
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – David Ojeda
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – David Ojeda
Motion to approve September 16, 2015 minutes: Leshawn Bowen
Second: Arnoldo Martinez
Minutes approved unanimously.
- 5.0 PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 101 YOUTH CENTER – Kendra Davey
Kendra Davey presented on the Pima County Public Library’s 101 Youth Center. The YAC/TTC has helped with the Library’s Summer Reading program in the past, and they are asking for assistance and advice from the YAC/TTC to keep students reading during the summer. The aim is to create and maintain “Connected Learning”. The Center is an intra-space, peer-connected, “real-world” digital learning environment where deep engagement can take place.
The YAC/TTC members were asked to answer questions concerning various aspects of learning using an Empathy Map as a guide, such as identifying what would be the most important to the Center’s users; hopes and fears; hearing; seeing; saying & doing; what summer activities they themselves undertake; and pains and gains. All of these taken together affect a person’s choices in learning and in life.
The Center itself is undergoing a newly-proposed structure, and will feature Technology (Robotics, media, film); Leading (Interns, teen mentors); Creating Crafts such as sewing; Gaming, both virtual and physical such as chess; Movement (Dance, Yoga); and learning preparation such as SAT and ACT test preparation, reading, etc. The Center is designed to be a place to develop interests that can become passions.

- 6.0 **STUDENT-TEACHER PROFILE BILL – Aaditee Kutrimodi**
YAC/TTC member Aaditee Kutrimodi gave a Power Point presentation on a Student-teacher Profile Bill, which would be legislation that would redesign standardized testing in Arizona, setting new standards for “deep learning”. It is felt that the current form of testing does not address “big picture” issues. College professors would write the tests rather than corporate entities. The tests are designed to test students on skills that have been taught and emphasized during their high school careers that yield college and workforce readiness. Students would be assessed on their inter-subject synthesis skills, analytical thinking, and work ethic.
The response from the YAC/TTC members was positive. Although the MEC as a 501 c3 nonprofit entity cannot lobby for a bill, the MEC welcomes individual efforts and information on the subject. The MEC Executive Board has recommended that the information be passed on to our Southern Arizona state legislators for further action.
- 7.0 **TEEN TOWN HALL – Paul Lovelis & Ed Nossem**
At this point we have RSVP’s from elected officials, law enforcement, MEC Commissioners, school and school district representatives, and other community leaders. We have students committed from 20 schools representing every school district in Pima County. YAC/TTC members are encouraged to spread the word about the Teen Town Hall to their fellow students. YAC/TTC members who have RSVP’d include Maggie Zheng, who will represent the YAC/TTC and welcome the attendees; Ki Huang, Arnoldo Martinez, Kyle Hetherington, and Patrick Derrig. We will need volunteers to check in the schools and community leaders at separate stations, to distribute and collect the evaluations, and to distribute and collect YAC/TTC applications.
- 8.0 **YAC/TTC RECRUITMENT – Paul Lovelis & Ed Nossem**
The MEC has developed social media guidelines from Best Practices; these were distributed to the students, who were instructed to read and to follow the guidelines. Paul will administer the YAC/TTC Facebook site and get the account started. Once this is done we can use the Facebook account to advertise events and recruit members.
- 9.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Due to the YAC/TTC Bylaws stipulating one-year terms for MEC Youth Commissioners, an election was called to replace MEC Youth Commissioner Diego Martinez Barrera.
Motion to elect Leshawn Bowen as MEC Youth Commissioner: Maggie Zheng
Second: David Ojeda
Motion carried unanimously.
- 10.0 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
No action.
- 11.0 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to approve: David Ojeda
Second: Arnoldo Martinez
Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m